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Method and Apparatus For Sensing A Seal On A Title

Film

2586 Group/Art Unit :

Saint Surin, J. Examiner

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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D. C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Examiner's Action of May 23, 2002, the period for response of which is hereby extended by 3 months. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

## In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

(Amended) An apparatus for detecting a seal on a moving film, comprising;

a force transmitter, disposed to transmit a force from the film, wherein the force is created when the film moves with respect to the force transmitter;

a force sensor disposed to receive the transmitted force and provide a force signal in response thereto; and a controller, disposed to receive the force signal

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and provide a seal signal in response thereto.

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